

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 80345-88755

Title: HIGH USAGE EQUIPMENT ITEMS

Operation/Exercise Name: PROVIDE COMFORT

Observed: 28 Jul 1991

Originator: S-4

POC: MAJ BOYD

Commercial:

DSN:

5. (U) OBSERVATION:

A variety of major end items were utilized extensively in support of Operation Provide Comfort.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

The high usage equipment items were helicopters, trucks, Mechanized Handling Equipment (MHE), generators, Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPUs), and radios. The unit could have used more trucks, generators, MHE, water trucks and C130s. Due to a lack of space aboard assigned Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) shipping, approximately half of the trucks, MHE, and generators, as well as the only water truck authorized for a MEU, were left in CONUS. The MEU was able to maintain the equipment under high usage for approximately 30 days, when mean failure rates began accelerating. As the supply block does not take into consideration around-the-clock operations beyond 30 days, the deadline experienced was not excessive.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

None.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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